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SUBJECT:

Annual NEPA Planning Summary

Attached is the Annual NEPA Planning Summary for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM). LM cancelled one Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2016. We are currently preparing two EAs.

LM has cancelled an Environmental Assessment (EA) for changes to the Groundwater Compliance Action Plan (GCAP) for the Tuba City, Arizona Disposal Cell, a Uranium Mining Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) Title I Disposal Site located on the Navajo Nation. LM is still proposing to change the ground water compliance strategy at the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) Title I Tuba City, Arizona, Disposal Site. However, this change is on hold pending the development of additional treatment data over the next 24 months. LM will develop a new groundwater compliance strategy and perform a NEPA review once we obtain the additional data.

LM is preparing "Withdrawal of Public Land for the Bear Creek, Wyoming, Disposal Site (DOE/EA-2046)" and "Withdrawal of Public Land for the Central Nevada Test Area, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EA-2047)" for the withdrawal of public land from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM requires the withdrawal applicant, LM, to prepare an EA that evaluates the long-term loss of resources from the public domain because of the withdrawal action (Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations §2310.3-2).

In 2017, LM will be a cooperating agency on an EA related to a Resource Management Plan Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Amendment with the Tres Rios Field Office of the Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management.

Please contact me at (202) 586-5008 or Tracy Ribeiro, LM's NEPA Compliance Officer, at (303) 410-4817 if you need further information.

## Attachment

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File ADM 120.2 (rc-grand junction)

2017 Annual NEPA Planning Summary
Secretarial Officers and Heads of Field Organizations submit annual NEPA planning summaries that briefly describe the status of ongoing NEPA compliance activities including Environmental Assessments expected to be prepared in the next 12 months, Environmental Impact Statements expected to be prepared in the next 24 months, the planned cost and schedule for each NEPA review, and every 3 years each Field Organization must include an evaluation of whether a site-wide FIS would facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.

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NEPA REVIEWS:	No NEPA reviews are ongoing or planned.  The ongoing and planned NEPA reviews are listed in Part 2 below.			site-wide: [Not required until 2019]	Preparation of a site-wide EIS was not considered at this time.  A site-wide EIS WOULD facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.  A site-wide EIS WOULD NOT facilitate future NEPA compliance efforts.
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